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to Commission rules promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, unless, at the time such securities are accepted and at any later time such securities are delivered, applicable provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 and the rules thereunder have been complied with by the holder of such securities.

(15) Statements of Account

(A) Statements of account showing security and money positions, entries, interest charges and any special charges that have been assessed against such account during the period covered by the statement shall be sent no less frequently than once every month to each customer in whose account there has been an entry during the preceding month with respect to an option contract and quarterly to all customers having an open option position or money balance. Interest charges and any special charges assessed during the period covered by the statement need not be specifically delineated if they are otherwise accounted for on the statement and have been itemized on transaction confirmations. With respect to options customers having a general (margin) account, such statements shall also provide the mark-to-market price and market value of each option position and other security position in the general (margin) account, the total market value of all positions in the account, the outstanding debit or credit balance in the account, and the general (margin) account equity. The statements shall bear a legend stating that further information with respect to commissions and other charges related to the execution of option transactions has been included in confirmations of such transactions previously furnished to the customer, and that such information will be made available to the customer promptly upon request. The statements shall also bear a legend requesting the customer promptly to advise the member of any material change in the customer's investment objectives or financial situation.

(B) For purposes of this subparagraph (15), general (margin) account equity shall be computed by subtracting the total of the "short" security values and any debit balance from the total of the "long" security values and any credit balance.

(16) Opening of Accounts

(A) Approval Required

No member or person associated with a member shall accept an order from a customer to purchase or write an option contract relating to an options class that is the subject of an options disclosure document, or approve the customer's account for the trading of such option, unless the broker or dealer furnishes or has furnished to the customer the appropriate options disclosure document(s) and the customer's account has been approved for options trading in accordance with the provisions of subparagraphs (B) through (D) hereof.

(B) Diligence in Opening Accounts

In approving a customer's account for options trading, a member or any person associated with a member shall exercise due diligence to ascertain the essential facts relative to the customer, his financial situation and investment objectives. Based upon such information, the branch office manager or other Registered Options Principal shall specifically approve or disapprove in writing the customer's account for options trading; provided, that if the branch office manager is not a Registered Options Principal, account approval or disapproval shall within ten (10) business days be submitted to and approved or disapproved by a Registered Options Principal. A record of the information obtained pursuant to this subparagraph and of the approval or disapproval of each such account shall be maintained by the member as part of its permanent records in accordance with paragraph (b)(17).

(C) Verification of Customer Background and Financial Information

The background and financial information upon which the account of every new options customer that is a natural person has been approved for options trading, unless the information